5 वर्ष की बढ़ाई हुई सेवा अवधि के पूरा हो जाने पर 16-11-1991 को निर्मुक्त कर दिया गया था ।

Estimation of Cost of Production of Flue-Cured Virginia Tobacco

3325. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether there is any demand for transferring Flue-Cured Virginia tobacco for estimatiton of its cost of production from the Ministry of Agriculture to that of Commerce; and if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): No, Sir. However, as a consequence of a policy decision to reorganise the Commodity Development Directorates in the Ministry of Agricultude, it has been decided to transfer the VFC Tobacco Scheme for estimation of Cost of Cultivation from the Directorate of Tobacco Development, Madras, to Agro-Economic Research Centre, Waltair, Andhra University.

Development of Co-operative in Madhya Pradesh

3326. SHRI SURSH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan to develop co-operatives particularly the milk co-operative in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have allocated any funds for this purpose; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Milk co-operatives have been developed in Madhya Pradesh on 'Anand' pattern in 31 districts having 6 milk unions with 3,889 dairy co-operative societies. In remaining 14 district 390 dairy cooperative societies are functioning under 25 Government milk schemes 9 Integrated Tribal Dairy Development Projects approved by the State Government have 357 Dairy co-operative societies.

(c) and (d) Under Operation Flood financial assistance of Rs. 39.97 crore (approximately) has been provided so far by National Dairy Development Board and under the Integrated Tribal Dairy Development Project, financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 7.23 crore has been provided by the State Government.

Setting up of Agricultural College in Jammu

3327. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Agricultural College was to be set up in Jammu;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in setting up of this college; and

(c) by when the college is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, Government of India does not have any proposal to set up an Agricultural College in Jammu.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in price of AMUL butter

3328. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced Excise duty on butter in order to pass to its benefits to the common man;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Amul Butter, which disappeared from the market is now being sold at a price increased by about Rs. 16/- per kg.; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the increase and the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The Government has exempted butter from excise duty for the benefit of milk producers and consumers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of non-Basmati rice

3329. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to export non-Basmati rice; and

(b) if so, what is the production of non-Basmati rice together with the domestic consumption during 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Variety-wise production estimates are not maintained. However, the total production of rice in the country during 1990-91 has been estimated at 74.6 million metric tonnes. Only marginal surpluses are available for export.

Government have released a quota of seven lakh metric tonnes of non-Basmati rice for export during 1991-92.

Report on Green Revolution

3330. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Report entitled "The Green Revolution Reconsidered" brought out by the Washinghton-based International Food Policy Research Institute;

(b) if so, what is Government's assessment of the Report both on the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors of the Indian economy; and

(c) what action Government propose to taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The study confirms that the green revolution has benefited small and marginal farmers and landless workers and not merely big farmers. In fact, it has benefited all sectors of the economy.

The criticism that the green revolution has increased poverty and unemployment has also been refuted.

Area under coarse gains production

3331. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the areas covered under the cultivation of recommended hybrids and varieties of coarse grains especially Sorghum and Maize in different States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The areas covered under cultivation of recommended hybrids and varieties during 1990-91 in respect of total coarse cereals is 15.47 million hectares—Sorghum 6.70 million hectares and Maize 2.58 million hectares. Statewise coverage under recommended hybrids and varieties for 1990-91 is given in the Statement.